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Dear Michael,

Linda Newstrom sent your letter on to me to read. After not hearing from you in a long time, I'm glad to hear you and your family are doing well.

You asked about a copy of Colleen Lux's thesis. It is in the University of Montana Library, in case you didn't already know that. Since it is quite voluminous, I would usually ask that you view it at the library- we don't normally copy large documents for people without sending them through a Freedom of Information Act request. However, since we do have a courtesy copy and it isn't an EPA document, I have asked Linda to make a copy of it for you and she will send it out to you soon.

You asked about the Rainy Creek / Tub Gulch drainage and whether there are plans to log it. Please call the U.S. Forest Service to find out what they may know about any logging plans in the area. I have included a copy of an e-mail that Jim Christiansen sent to Plum Creek early in 2003. That may answer some of your questions.

Finally, you asked about an investigation and audit of costs and spending on the Libby cleanup. There has been no audit with regard to cost and spending. There is a March 31, 2001 Inspector General Report titled: EPA's Actions Concerning Asbestos-Contaminated Vermiculite in Libby, Montana. The IG's office also investigated a citizen's complaint about a potential conflict of interest in the project. Investigative efforts determined the allegation was unfounded and no additional investigative effort was warranted. The OIG is willing to consider new information, concerns, or allegations. If you have questions regarding the OIG's findings or need additional information, I suggest you contact the OIG Hotline at (202) 566-2391.

I hope that helps Michael. Feel free to call me with questions. I can be reached toll free at 1-866-457-2690 extension 5037.

Sincerely,

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